

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure section starting at page 52, line 2 and ending at page 52, line 23 to read, as follows.

An image forming apparatus includes an image bearing member; a charging device ~~means~~ for electrically charging the image bearing member at a contact position; ~~while contacting to the image bearing member~~; a transferring device ~~means~~ for transferring a developed image on the image bearing member onto a transfer material; and a developer charging device ~~means~~ for electrically charging a developer remaining on the image bearing member after the image is transferred. ~~The transferred, the developer charging device is~~ means being disposed downstream of the transferring device ~~means being~~ ~~disposed downstream of the transferring means~~ and upstream of the charging device ~~means~~ with respect to a moving direction of the image bearing member. ~~An member, and electric field forming device forms~~ means for forming a cleaning electric field in a direction of transferring the developer from the developer charging device ~~means~~ onto a predetermined region of the image bearing member and forms ~~for forming~~ a cleaning electric field for transferring the developer from the charging device ~~means~~ onto the image bearing member after the predetermined region ~~of the image bearing member~~ passes through the ~~[[a]]~~ contact portion. ~~portion between the charging means and the image bearing member.~~